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I would like to urge the government to settle this case quickly. Our economy is in dire need for this case to be resolved as quickly as possible.

Microsoft is one of the gems of our global economy. Our entire world's economy is in bad shape directly as a result of the actions of a few misguided individuals in the previous administration.

The Bush administration, the justice department and the judges involved in this case owes it to the public to resolve this case quickly and get our economy back on track.

It is no secret and historical market data/charts can prove that the stock market meltdown started immediately after this case was ruled upon by Judge Jackson. As Microsoft's stock started falling the rest of the tech sector started falling thereby causing a market meltdown. Ironically many flourishing new competitors with low cash and high market cap were able to compete with Microsoft with their stock capital. Now those companies are gone also because of these state attorney generals and the previous administration.

It is ironic that the competitors of Microsoft got hurt by this case more as well as the entire dotcom economy crashed after this case was decided upon in the lower courts.

The government and Microsoft's Competitors must learn and realize from this mistake that our software industry and the entire IT industry is linked by a common fabric of stability, leadership and innovation led by Microsoft, the independent software and hardware vendors and partners that build high technology solutions around this fabric.

Every day as more PCs are sold with the standardized Windows platform, there is secondary (trickle down) demand created for:

1. Semiconductor components that make up a PC - Memory, processors etc.,
2. Peripherals that are attached to the PC such as disk drives, video cards, modems, network interfaces, etc.,
3. Software from 3rd party developers that build solution around Windows all over the world including bridging competitive platforms around Windows
4. IT consulting by - EDS, Price Waterhouse, D&T, and many many small consulting firms all over the world
5. Servers --- IBM, SUN Microsystems, Compaq, Dell, Gateway, Sony, Fujitsu, Unisys, Hitachi, etc., to serve web pages to the masses that will go online after their PC purchases
6. Advanced backoffice software to provide infrastructure to millions of PC users (eCommerce, B2B, B2C, etc.,) - SAP, People Soft, Oracle, IBM, and

other similar products by many smaller companies

Microsoft's competitors had gained just as much benefits by Microsoft's success as a result of this secondary and trickle down demand until the stock market meltdown.

Lets not forget that the Internet economy was created by the masses that logged on to the information highway and started the eCommerce craze. These same masses use Windows based PCs to participate in eCommerce thereby generating demand for Servers; yes the very same servers that Microsoft's competitors make such as Sun, IBM, Oracle etc.,

It was extremely shortsighted and misguided for these attorney generals to be waging this war against Microsoft in the name of consumers. In fact ironically, more consumers and general public have been economically hurt by the careless actions of these attorney generals.

As a direct result of this DOJ case against Microsoft, many 401k and retirement funds have been wiped out both in the private as well as the Government sector and not to mention the millions of dollars that has been wasted on this case to please a few wealthy, envious and greedy executives of the tech industry.

Lets resolve this problem right away by accepting the settlement between Microsoft and the government. Furthermore, the state attorney generals should be scolded by the judge for trying to derail this important settlement.

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